1120 Stakeholders

We are pleased to post the initial Production version (2005v2.0) of the Tax Year (TY) 2005 XML schemas and Business Rules on the www.irs.gov website (referred to as Release 3.2). The Modernized e-File system will open for live processing on January 9, 2006, and schema version 2005v2.0 must be used to submit all TY 2005 production returns.

TY 2005 Assurance Testing (ATS) began on November 7, 2005 using schema version 2005v1.2. This version will remain active until January 2nd. On January 3rd schema version 2005v2.0 will be installed into ATS and it must be used for all subsequent TY 2005 test returns sent through EMS and/or the RUP.

XML Schemas

The TY 2005 production schemas include all tax forms and schedules for Forms 1120/1120S/7004. Schema version 2005v2.0 is posted to the **Production System** and **ATS System** charts at http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html. Changes from the October 14, 2005 posting are displayed in the "Diff Files" on the Production and ATS System charts.

Due to the requested file format change to use Zip Archive, the Tax Years 2004 and 2003 Production schema versions (effective January 9, 2006) and the ATS schema version (effective January 3, 2006) will also change:

- 2004v4.3 is posted to the **Production** and **ATS System** charts to be used to submit TY 2004 tax returns. All prior schema versions are no longer valid. The IRS plans to support MeF TY2004 tax returns for the next two years.
- 2003v2.5 is posted to the **Production** and **ATS System** charts to be used to submit TY 2003 tax returns. All prior schema versions are no longer valid. The IRS plans to support MeF transmitted TY2003 tax returns for one more year.

Please note: The Instance Document contained in the schema files is viewable with any generic MIME-reader. Found within the 1120 folder, the Instance Document contains an example 1120 transmission.

Business Rules

Release 3.2 Business Rules for TY 2005 (new version 2005v2.0) are posted in two different formats containing identical information – Adobe (.pdf), and Comma Separated File (.csv). A column within the file identifies key changes made from the last posted version of the business rules. The new rules are posted to the **Production** and **ATS System** charts at http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html.

As with XML schemas, the current valid Business Rules for TY 2004 (2004v4.3) and TY 2003 (2003v2.5) are also posted to the **Production** and **ATS System** charts at http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html.

Key Changes

Additional time was needed for data migration, therefore the last date we accepted Forms 1120, 1120S and 7004 for production processing through MeF was December 22, 2005. The system will open for live processing on January 9, 2006 for Tax Year

2003, 2004 and 2005 returns but they must be submitted in zip archive format using schema versions 2005v2.0, 2004v4.3 and 2003v2.5.

URGENT NOTE: The Message ID Type and Submission ID Type pattern values recently changed. If you downloaded the 2005v2.0, 2004v4.3 and 2003v2.5 schemas prior to today's date, please download the revised schemas posted today.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the Topica group or the ETA 1120 Team at 1120@irs.gov. You can also contact ETA team members Xan Ostro at (202) 283-7697, or Joan Barr at (415) 382-9039. For Form 7004 questions, please contact Linda Lateef at (202) 283-0014.